

† 1682. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether fire broke out in the premises of Zee Telefilms Limited, J-27, South Extension, Part-I, New Delhi on 4th July, 2000;

(b) whether the fire broke out because of frequent alterations/ modification in the building plans and for not adhering to fire safety norms; and

(c) if so, the complete details thereof and the action taken by the MCD and Delhi Fire Service against the above firm for gross violation of rules and misuse of basement?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information in this regard is being collected from the local authorities and will be placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Criteria for Regularisation of Unauthorised Colonies

1683. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed/adopted by Government to regularise the unauthorised colonies in Delhi, as announced recently;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) whether the Anantram Dairy, R.K. Puram, Samik Farm, Hauz Khas and S.D.A. Area has been covered under that criteria:

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(d) the minimum carpet area of land of unauthorised colonies which would be regularised;

(e) whether bungalows and row houses which have been constructed in this area would also be regularised; and —

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (f) In early 1993, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi decided to recommend to the Government of India for regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi which had come up before March 31, 1993. Soon thereafter, a public interest writ petition was filed by the Common Cause in the Delhi High Court against this proposal/ recommendations. The High Court, in its interim orders, stayed action or decision by the Government for regularising these colonies.

On the directions of Court, a High Powered Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development was constituted to go into the entire gamut of issue on unauthorised colonies. On the basis of the report of this Committee, the High Court asked the Government to submit its view to the Court in respect of regularisation of the colonies and the terms and conditions on which such regularisation could be done. After consulting all the local authorities including the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, a draft proposal was prepared. This proposal was sent to Delhi Government and the Government of Delhi conveyed its agreement to the draft proposal in October, 1999. Thereafter, the Government of India formulated its views and these views are being submitted to the High Court through an affidavit. The High Court, after considering these views and holding further proceedings in the matter, will take appropriate decision. The Government will take further action in accordance with the directions/orders of the High Court.